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TO: PRIORITY SAIGON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MR. HABIB (WHO NOW VISITING SAIGON) FROM MR. CARVER. OBVIOUSLY ANY STATION THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

1. CONCERN RAPIDLY MOUNTING HERE OVER WHAT WE SEE AS DISQUIETING AIR OF MALAISE AND LASSITUDE PERMEATING GVN. OPPORTUNITY FOR QUOTE NEW BROOM UNQUOTE ATMOSPHERE CAPITALIZING ON AND XXXXXXXXX EXTENDING MOMENTUM INITIATED BY ELECTORAL PROCESS AND NEW GOVERNMENT INSTALLATION APPEARS ABOUT TO BE FRITTERED AWAY WHILE LEGISLATURE WRANGLES ON INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND THIEU TEMPORIZES OR PROCRASTINATES ON IMPORTANT DECISIONS. THE THANG AFFAIR IN PARTICULAR STRIKES US AS HAVING A SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE INTRINSIC MUCH GREATER THAN ITS XXXXX IMPORANCE, WHICH IN ITSELF IS CONSIDERABLE.

2. THE INTERRELATED MATTERS OF PROVINCE CHIEF SELECTION

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to [REDACTED] AND TRAINING, THE PROVINCE CHIEFS RELATIONS TO THE CORPS  
 COMMANDERS AND THE CONCRETE ISSUE OF THE TIMING, CONTENT AND  
 LOCALE OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF'S TRAINING COURSE (I. E., THE SUBSTANCE  
 AND IMPLICATIONS [REDACTED] CONSTITUTE THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF  
 OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN. IN SHORT, WE ARE INCLINED TO READ THE  
 THANG RESIGNATION ISSUE AS A TEST CASE WHOSE OUTCOME WILL INDICATE  
 WHETHER OR NOT THE QUOTE NEW UNQUOTE GVN HAS EITHER THE  
 INCLINATION OR THE ABILITY TO ALTER THE STATUS QUO AND GALVANIZE  
 VIETNAMESE POLITICAL LIFE IN A MANNER CAPABLE OF ENGAGING THE  
 SUPPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL AND RURAL POPULATION.

3. THE ABOVE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND ARE  
 VERY MUCH SHARED BY BURKE, ISHAM AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE  
 DEPARTMENT, WHO ALSO SHARE OUR SENSE OF URGENCY. WE WANT TO  
 AVOID SENDING THE STATION OR THE MISSION ANY UNNECESSARY OR  
 GRATUITOUS COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR ADVICE BUT WE DO WANT TO  
 GENERATE ANY WASHINGTON ACTION THAT IS NEEDED OR COULD BE  
 HELPFUL. AS A FAVOR TO US ALL THEREFORE, WOULD YOU PLEASE

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REVIEW THESE MATTERS IN DETAIL WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN THE STATION AND YOURS IN THE EMBASSY (IF INDEED YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO) AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM WITH US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR RETURN.

END OF MESSAGE

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WILLIAM E. COLBY

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GEORGE A. CARVER,  
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